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SUBJECT : CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON AMERICAN PRISONERS

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1. THERE FOLLOWS CHRONOLOGICAL LIST FORMAL WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS
MADE BY CONGEN IN CASES OF ROBERT AGUILERA, DON MASSINGILL,
STANLEY SERRANO AND GEORGE WADE VIEW THEIR ALLEGATIONS THEY WERE
TORTURED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AFTER FIRE AND RIOTS OLD
HERMOSILLO PENITENTIARY MARCH 1974:

DATE AND ADDRESSEE: DATE OF GOM RESPONSE AND SUMMARY

MARCH 28, 1974 LETTER TO
STATE OF SONORA ATTY. GENERAL

APRIL 10, 1974 FOLLOW-UP SENT TO
STATE OF SONORA ATTORNEY GENERAL

APRIL 29, 1974 LETTER SENT TO
GOVERNOR STATE OF SONORA ENCLOSING
COPIES ABOVE AND POINTING OUT NO
RESPONSE RECEIVED

MAY 2, 1974 RESPONSE RECEIVED
FROM SONORA STATE ATTORNEY
GENERAL REJECTING ALLEGATIONS
OF TORTURE AS TOTALLY FALSE

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MAY 17, 1974 LETTER SENT TO
ATTORNEY GENERAL ENCLOSING COPY
MEDICAL REPORT ONNGEORGE WADE
WHICH REFLECTS WADE WAS
PHYSICALLY ABUSED. NEW INVES-
TIGATION REQUESTED.

JUNE 20, 1974 FOLLOW-UP LETTER
SENT TO STATE OF SONORA
ATTORNEY GENERAL

JULY 2, 1974 LETTER SENT TO
SONORA STATE LT. GOVERNOR
ENCLOSING COPIES ABOVE
COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUESTING
REPLY

JULY 4, 1974 LETTER RECEIVED FROM
LT. GOVERNOR MERELY ACKNOWLEDGING
RECEIPT OUR JULY 2, 1974 LETTER

JULY 4, 1974 LETTER SENT TO
SONORA LT. GOVERNOR AGAIN
REPEATING PRIOR REQUESTS FOR
EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION VIEW
NEW ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE OF
NEWLY ARRESTED AMERICAN JAMES
BUTTS

JULY 9, 1974 LETTER (RECEIVED BY
CONGEN JULY 19, 1974) STATING
AT GOVERNOR'S REQUEST, ENTIRE
MATTER TURNED OVER TO STATE OF
SONORA ATTORNEY GENERAL

JULY 25, 1974 LETTER SENT TO
STATE OF SONORA LT. GOVERNOR
REQUESTING CLARIFICATION HIS
JULY 9 LETTER AS TO WHETHER
ONLY BUTTS COMPLAINT REFERRED
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TO STATE OF SONORA ATTORNEY GENERAL
OR BOTH BUTTS CASE PLUS CASE OF
WADE AND 3 OTHERS SO REFERRED

JULY 29, 1974 LETTER (RECEIVED
CONGEN ON AUGUST 8) FROM SONORA
STATE LT. GOVERNOR INDICATING
THAT BOTH BUTTS ALLEGATION AND

3 OTHERS TURNED OVER TO STATE
OF SONORA ATTORNEY GENERAL

DECEMBER 20, 1974 LETTER SENT
TO SONORA STATE LT. GOVERNOR
AGAIN ASKING FOR RESULT OF
INVESTIGATION

JANUARY 9, 1975 REPLY RECEIVED
FROM SONORA STATE LT. GOVERNOR
STATING THAT SONORA STATE ATTY.
GENERAL ADVISED THE LT. GOVERNOR
THAT HIS MAY 2, 1974 LETTER
REJECTING ALLEGATIONS TORTURE
AS FALSE STILL STANDS

2. THE FOLLOWING CHRONOLOGY PERTAINS TO CONGEN PROTEST IN CASE OF
CHARLES REDFERN WHO ALLEGED HE BRUTALLY BEATEN BY MEXICAN POLICE IN
NOGALES, SONORA:

JULY 1, 1974 LETTER SENT TO
MAYOR OF NOGALES, SONORA ASKING
FOR FULL INVESTIGATION REDFERN
ALLEGATIONS (ABOVE DATE IS
FIRST CONGEN HEARD OF INCIDENT
WHEN LETTER REC'D FROM SUBJECT'S
FATHER). CARBON COPY SENT TO
CHIEF MEXICAN TOURISM, NOGALES

JULY 5, 1974 LETTER RECEIVED FROM
NOGALES, SONORA MAYOR STATING HE
HAD ORDERED FULL INVESTIGATION

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JULY 18, 1974 LETTER RECEIVED
FROM NOGALES, SONORA MAYOR INDI-
CATING RESULT INVESTIGATION
REVEALS NO TRUTH WHATEVER TO
REDFERN ALLEGATIONS

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3. THE FOLLOWING CHRONOLOGY PERTAINS TO COMPLAINTS OF DEBI WAYNE, CHRIS AND KATHIE DAX, LAWRENCE PRIDMORE, AND DOUG DICARLO (ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS) THAT THEY WERE IMPRISONED WITHOUT CAUSE IN NOGALES, SONORA AND ALSO ABUSED SEXUALLY:

DECEMBER 19, 1974 LETTER SENT
TO NOGALES SONORA MAYOR REQUESTING
FULL INVESTIGATION COMPLAINTS OF
ABOVE STUDENTS. COPY SENT TO CHIEF
SONORA STATE TOURIST DEPT.

MARCH 20, 1975 LETTER SENT TO
GOVERNOR OF SONORA POINTING OUT
REPLY TO OUR DECEMBER 19 LETTER
TO NOGALES MAYOR NEVER RECEIVED
AND AGAIN REQUESTING FULL
INVESTIGATION AND GOVERNOR'S
HELP IN EXPEDITING.

REPLY NEVER RECEIVED FROM EITHER
MAYOR OF NOGALES NOR GOVERNOR

4. FOLLOWING CHRONOLOGY PERTAINS TO PRISONER KARL MAYWEATHER WHOSE
ARM WAS INFECTED AS RESULT OF ATTEMPTED JAIL BREAK MARCH 1974 IN
NOGALES:

APRIL 18, 1974 LETTER SENT TO
DIRECTOR PENITENTIARY NOGALES
SONORA ASKING THAT PRISONER
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BE GIVEN MEDICAL ATTENTION VIEW
CONDITION GUNSHOT WOUND THEREIN
WITH BULLET STILL IMBEDDED

MAY 20, 1974 LETTER SENT TO
MAYOR OF NOGALES SONORA URGING
HIS HELP IN ENSURING THAT PRISONER
GETS PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION
AS IT FEARED GANGRENE SETTING IN

MAY 23, 1974 LETTER RECEIVED FROM
NOGALES SONORA MAYOR INDICATING
MAYWEATHER IS RECEIVING ALL
POSSIBLE MEDICAL CARE AND THAT
SURGERY NEEDED WHICH RISKY AND
EXPENSIVE

(NOTE: IN JUNE 1974 MAYWEATHER STATED SURGERY PERFORMED BUT THAT
NEEDED METAL PLATE FOR INSERTION IN ARM PAID FOR BY DONATIONS FROM
OTHER AMERICAN PRISONERS)

AUGUST 7, 1974 LETTER SENT TO
NOGALES PRISON WARDEN URGING THAT
PRISONER BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO
BE TRANSFERRED TO LOCAL HOSPITAL
SO THAT SURGEON WHO OPERATED
COULD FOLLOW-UP POST OPERATIVE
PROCEDURES

AUGUST 23, 1974 LETTER SENT TO
DIRECTOR HERMOSILLO PRISON URGING
PRISONER BE GIVEN ADEQUATE AND
PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION SINCE
UNDERSTOOD PRISONER IS TO BE
TRANSFERRED FROM NOGALES TO
HERMOSILLO JAIL

AUGUST 30, 1974 LETTER RECEIVED
FROM DIRECTOR HERMOSILLO JAIL
ADVISING THAT VERY SOON PRISONER
WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO HERMOSILLO

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WHERE HE WILL BE ADEQUATELY
TREATED

5. ALL CASES PROLONGED PRE-TRIAL CONFINEMENT ARE REPORTED BY US
TO EMBASSY FOR INCLUSION IN NOTE TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

6. WITH OVER 100 AMERICANS IN SONORA PRISONS, NOT POSSIBLE TO
FURNISH LIST ORAL REPRESENTATIONS MADE ON OCCASION ROUTINE PRISON
VISITS WHICH ARE ACCOMPLISHED ONCE EACH MONTH.
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